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WELFARE OF BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to cover the welfare of TODDT tapers beediworkers and several other such vocational occupations covering housing, communications, power, insurance, old age pensions, economic packages etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a), (b) & (c): The Central Governmenthave introduced various welfare measures for beedi workers through the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976. These include financial assistance for their housing, health care, educational needs for children and recreational needs. In Andhra Pradesh, the `Andhra Pradesh Geeta ParishramikaSahakara Arthika Sankshema Samshta` extends insurance coverage as well as financial assistance to the toddy tappers for self-employment. The Government o f Kerala has constituted the `Kerala Toddy Workers` Welfare Fund Board` for the welfare of toddy tappers.